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Bush Stresses Tie With Carter

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George Bush, the outgoing director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said yesterday he tendered his resignation early because the CIA director should be someone close to the President of the United States and he has no such relationship with Jimmy Carter.

In an interview with The San Diego Union, Bush stressed that whoever his successor may be, "he must have access to the President."

Since he took office Jan. 30, Bush said, "there have been numerous occasions where my access has made a difference."

He said it is important that intelligence information go directly to the President and not through filters in the State Department or the Defense Department.

Bush was in San Diego between appearances in Sacramento, where he declined to comment on a report that the Glomar Explorer had recovered an entire sunken Soviet submarine off Hawaii in 1974, and in Los Angeles, where he will address the World Affairs Council today.

He told editors here that in his opinion it made no difference whether his successor is a layman or someone who has spent a career in the intelligence gathering field.

"The agency can educate a layman," he said. "They will support whoever the director is."

He was asked if the CIA had a life of its own and whether it was possible to keep information from its politically appointed director.

NOT POSSIBLE

He said Congress had asked him similar questions, and that he believed such was not possible. "I have confidence I do know what is happening," he said. "Things that were wrong (with the CIA) before came from super compartmentalization. That has been changed."

He allowed, however, that a director can be in a position akin to a bank director "who thinks he knows what's going on" then finds "someone has his hand in the till."

Bush has met with Carter since the election, but said he has no idea who the president-elect may choose for the CIA post.

CONSOLIDATION

He said he hoped during the next administration, that Congress will agree to consolidate the committees to which the CIA must report in

order to minimize the chance of leaks.

Leaks, he said, have made some U.S. allies wary of sharing intelligence information. However, he added, he is certain very little has been withheld from the United States by the allies.

Prior to becoming CIA director, Bush served as U.N. ambassador and as special liaison officer to the People's Republic of China.

He said he did not expect the current Chinese leadership to depart radically from Mao-tse Tung's program of self-reliance. He said he also saw no indications that the Soviet Union has been successful in healing its breach with Communist China, despite some Soviet overtures in the past year.

In Sacramento, Bush had been asked on a report by Time Magazine that the Glomar Explorer, the CIA research ship operated under the cover of being owned by the late Howard Hughes, had surfaced an entire Soviet submarine.

"Absolutely no comment whatsoever," he told a reporter. "You're wasting your time and my time talking about it."

The CIA has maintained that during the secret recovery operation in 1974 the submarine broke in half and that the stern section was lost.